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*Tacoma, Wash., free from smallpox.*

TACOMA, WASH., *September 6, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that this city is now free from smallpox, I, as commissioner of health, having discharged the last case from the city quarantine station this date. There are several cases in Puyallup, this county, which are being taken care of by the county authorities. I inclose you herewith report of cases reported to me by the postmaster of Chehalis, Lewis County, Wash.

There will undoubtedly be many cases of smallpox in this State this winter, especially in the country districts, as the quarantine regulations have been very lax, and a number of physicians still insist that the cases are chicken pox.

Respectfully,

F. J. SCHUG,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

[Inclosures.]

CHEHALIS, WASH., *September 4, 1900.*

SIR: I am informed by F. L. Riffe, postmaster at Riffe, Lewis County, that there is smallpox in the home of the postmaster at Swofford, this county. Thos. Faley, a patron of Swofford post-office, and two others, attest to the truth of the report. Smallpox is also reported in the vicinity of Vance post-office.

Respectfully,

DAN W. BUSH,  
*Postmaster.*

CHEHALIS, WASH., *September 4, 1900.*

SIR: Since writing you to-day relative to Swofford post-office I have been assured that they are fumigating the mail, so your correspondence had better be by way of inquiry if you conclude to write them.

Respectfully,

DAN W. BUSH,  
*Postmaster.*

#### REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

*El Paso, Tex., September 8, 1900—Inspection service.*—I have the honor to submit the following summary of work at this station for the week ended September 8, 1900: Inspection of Mexican Central Railroad passenger trains, 120 persons; inspection of Mexican Central Railroad freight crews, 14 men; inspection of Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad passenger trains, 22 persons; inspection of Mexican immigrants, 46; disinfection of baggage, bedding, blankets, etc., 33 pieces; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 354 pieces. During the past week on various days 3 persons arrived on the Mexican Central Railroad respectively six, eight, and nine days out from Vera Cruz, Mexico. Their pulse being normally right, after disinfecting their baggage I let them pass.

E. ALEXANDER,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Laredo, Tex., September 6, 1900—Inspection service.*—I have the honor to submit the following report for week ended September 1, 1900: Persons on Mexican National Railroad inspected and passed, 539; Mexican immigrants inspected and passed, 69; Italian immigrants inspected and passed, 6; immigrants vaccinated, 20.

August 29, 1 person five days out from Tampico; placed in detention camp and baggage disinfected. August 30, 1 person six days out from Tampico, refused entry and baggage disinfected. August 30, 1 person two days out from Tampico, placed in detention camp and baggage

disinfected. August 31, 1 person five days out from Esperanza, Mexico, placed in detention; no baggage. All baggage disinfected during the week was by means of formaldehyd gas.

*Laredo, Tex., September 9, 1900—Inspection service.*—I have the honor to submit the following report for week ended September 8, 1900: Persons inspected and passed over footbridge, 2,773; 1 Italian immigrant refused entry on three separate occasions; persons on Mexican National Railroad inspected and passed, 430; immigrants inspected and passed, 24; immigrants vaccinated, 7; Italian immigrants inspected and passed, 3.

September 7, 1 person five days out from Tampico detained and baggage disinfected. Person originated from Tuxpan, Mexico.

H. J. HAMILTON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.*

ALABAMA—*Mobile*.—Month of July, 1900. Estimated population, 37,817. Total number of deaths, 103, including enteric fever, 4; whooping cough, 1, and 19 from tuberculosis.

CALIFORNIA—*Los Angeles*.—Month of August, 1900. Estimated population, 103,000. Total number of deaths, 131, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 2; measles, 1; whooping cough, 1, and 18 from phthisis pulmonalis.

*Oakland*.—Month of August, 1900. Estimated population, 75,000. Total number of deaths, 61, including diphtheria, 1, and 13 from phthisis pulmonalis.

*Sacramento*.—Month of August, 1900. Estimated population, 30,000. Total number of deaths, 24, including enteric fever, 1, and 9 from phthisis pulmonalis.

CONNECTICUT—*Hartford*.—Month of August, 1900. Estimated population, 80,000. Total number of deaths, 138, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 3; whooping cough, 1, and 16 from tuberculosis.

IOWA—*Des Moines*.—Month of August, 1900. Estimated population, 80,000. Total number of deaths, 61. No deaths from contagious diseases.

LOUISIANA—*New Orleans*.—Month of August, 1900. Estimated population, 300,000—white, 210,000; colored, 90,000. Total number of deaths, 485—white, 248; colored, 187—including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 5; scarlet fever, 1; whooping cough, 1; smallpox, 13, and 62 from phthisis pulmonalis.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Holyoke*.—Month of August, 1900. Estimated population, 44,982. Total number of deaths, 95, including diphtheria, 6; measles, 2; whooping cough, 1, and 3 from phthisis pulmonalis.

*Lawrence*.—Month of August, 1900. Estimated population, 59,072. Total number of deaths, 119, including diphtheria, 3, and 10 from tuberculosis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended September 8, 1900, from 84 observers, indicate that erysip-